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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 48 are pending in the present application. Claims 20-47 are cancelled without prejudice. Examination and consideration of pending claims 1-19 and 48 are respectfully requested

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 5/31/2005, Applicant elect to prosecute claims 1-19 and 48 of Group 1 drawn to an end-effector device. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of this group without traverse

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 408-523-2129. The applicant does not believe any fees are required but should any be considered necessary please charge Deposit Account 403-404

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